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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to participating in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Donald R. Swank, 36, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert E. Larsen this morning to charges contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 25, 2004.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Swank** admitted that he participated in a conspiracy to manufacture five grams or more of methamphetamine between Feb. 1, 2002, and June 3, 2002. **Swank** also admitted that he attempted to manufacture five grams or more of methamphetamine at a residence at 6524 S. Richmond in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, **Swank** could be subject to mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in prison, plus a fine up to \$2 million on each of the two counts. His sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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